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JEROME THINKS JURY WILL ACQUIT

When He Declared Prisoner Insane He Felt the Game Was Up

MAY BE SENT TO
PRIVATE ASYLUM

To Do This, However, It Will Be Necessary to Prove Thaw Insane Now—The Prisoner Denies the Story of Separation From Wife.

NEW YORK, March 9.—Harry K. Thaw issued the following statement to-day through his counsel, Daniel O'Reilly:

"I wish to deny as emphatically as possible the published report that my sister, the Countess of Yarmouth, is desirous of bringing about a separation between my wife and me at the conclusion of the trial. Perfect harmony exists between my wife, my sister and myself, as it did between all the members of my family. Such a thing as a separation has never been and never will be considered by me or any of my relatives.

"The Countess of Yarmouth is very friendly with Mrs. H. K. Thaw, and holds her in the highest esteem.

"As for myself, my love for my wife is greater than it ever was before. If that is possible, I hope that this denial from me will forever set at rest the absurd story of a possible estrangement. It is peculiarly regrettable to Mrs. Thaw and myself that such a story should have emanated from the source it did."

More Experts.

With the real work of the prosecution still ahead of him, District Attorney Jerome spent many busy hours to-day preparing for the State's case in rebuttal, which will begin Monday morning with the resumption of the trial of Harry K. Thaw before Justice Fitzgerald. Most of the day the district attorney was closeted with nine experts, six new experts having been summoned into consultation with Drs. Flint, McDonald and Mahon, who have been present throughout the trial in the interest of the prosecution.

Mr. Jerome refused to disclose the identity of the new members of his force of alienists. Their advent into the case, it was said, was for the purpose of assisting in preparing hypothetical questions which he will put to the experts when they go on the witness stand.

To Discredit Mrs. Thaw.

It is currently reported to-day that Mr. Jerome had irrevocably decided to push the case for a conviction and not turn it over to a commission. All the members of the attorney's staff are sanguine that their chief will be able to throw sufficient doubt upon Evelyn Nesbit Thaw's story to at least tend to discredit in the eyes of the jury, and they further declare that Mr. Jerome hopes to have a preponderance of expert testimony showing that Thaw acted as a sane man when he shot and killed Stanford White, and has continued to act as a sane person ever since that time.

The case, from to-day's developments, promises to resolve itself at last into a battle of experts, and this means that there is absolutely no way of predicting when the end will come. If Mr. Jerome only calls three of his nine experts to the stand—it is more than likely that he will call five—it means a series of interminable cross-examinations by Delphin M. Delmas, the leading counsel for the defense.

Delmas on Cross-Examination.

Mr. Delmas thus will be given an opportunity to match his medical knowledge against the very thorough understanding of the subject displayed by Mr. Jerome. Since Mr. Jerome began to lay to-day so much stress upon the subject of insanity in preparing for rebuttal, it scarcely seems possible that his prediction as to the time of ending the case can come true.

The defense has two alienists in reserve who will be called in rebuttal, and that means a still longer delay. The trial on Monday will enter its eighth week, and the unexpected must occur in order to bring about its conclusion before April 1st. Those who have been following the case were hopeful of a cross-examination by Delphin M. Jerome to-day went into conference with nine alienists. Then all hope was abandoned.

The Hypothetical Question.

Much interest attaches to the form of the hypothetical question which the district attorney will propound to his experts. Mr. Delmas seemed to include every fact known in the case in his hypothetical question, and the defense's alienists have it as their opinion that Thaw not only was insane when he killed Stanford White, but for two months thereafter.

If the alienists for the State can take these same facts and reach a diametrically opposite opinion, the jury will have to take its choice and place its own estimate upon the value of expert testimony. The staff of county detectives attached to Mr. Jerome's office have been sent out for every person mentioned by Evelyn Nesbit Thaw in her testimony, and efforts will be made to round them all up, high and low, to secure every bit of outstanding information that may bear in any measure upon the rebuttal of Thaw's wife's story. It is hardly likely that any of these persons will be called upon to testify, for it is doubtful if they can be called under the rules of evidence.

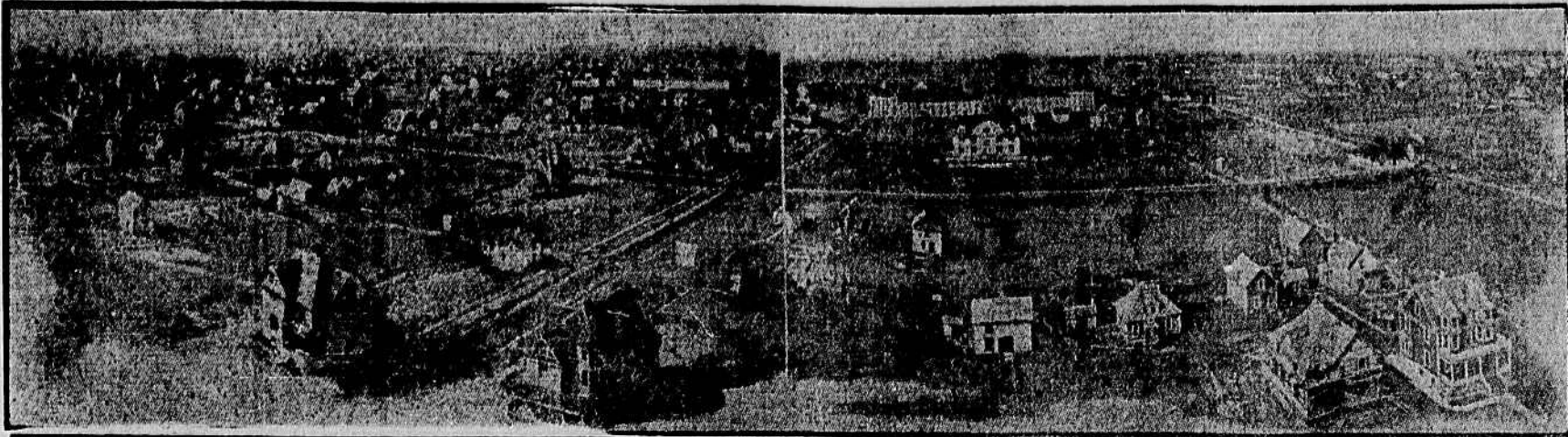
JEROME EXAMINES MANY WITNESS

NEW YORK, March 9.—Jerome fears a difficult problem, which is not rendered any easier by the fact that a score of times during the closing days of the defense he lost no opportunity to intimate his belief in the present insanity of Thaw.

From the district attorney's own lips

(Continued on Second Page.)

CITY OF ZION WHICH DOWIE BUILT AND IN WHICH HE ORGANIZED INDUSTRIES VALUED AT \$28,000,000



ZION CITY AND GREAT TABERNACLE.

HEAD OF ZION PASSES AWAY

John Alexander Dowie,
Known as Elijah III.,
Died Yesterday.

FOLLOWERS HAD
DESERTED HIM

Wife, Son and Father Had Joined
Voliva, and the Old Man
Died Almost Alone in
the City of Which
He Was the
Founder.

CHICAGO, March 9.—John Alexander Dowie died at 7:30 this morning at Shiloh house, Zion City. There were present with him when he died only Judge D. N. Barnes and two personal attendants.

It had been Dowie's custom all summer and winter to hold religious services every Sunday afternoon in the parlor of the Shiloh house. About 350 of his original followers remained faithful and attended these services. Dowie always wore his apostolic robes and made a characteristic address. Five weeks ago these meetings ceased, and Dowie appeared no longer in public. The Sunday meetings, however, were still held by his adherents. Since that time Dowie had gradually been failing.

Shortly before one o'clock this morning Dowie became delirious and his talk was the same as at a religious meeting in the days of his prime. He denounced people with the old-time vigor, ordered the guards to throw out disturbers, and acted just as he had on so many previous occasions.

He gradually became weaker and weaker, and the attendant telephoned for Judge Barnes, who reached Shiloh house at 7 A. M.; forty minutes later Dowie died.

It has been decided that the interment will be in Mount Olivet Cemetery, not far from Zion City. The date of the funeral has not been determined. Wilbur G. Voliva, the head of the faction opposing Dowie in Zion City, to-day declined to make any statement regarding the influence of the death of Dowie on the future of the church, or to discuss his death in any manner.

Sketch of Prophet.

John Alexander Dowie was born in Edinburgh in 1817. He left Scotland for Adelaide, South Australia, when he was thirteen, and he clerked in that boom town for seven years. If he did anything in those days that brought him into prominence, it has escaped the records; but what he did do was to train himself in business methods, being a Scotchman, he had no more to be forced into it than a duck into water, and to prepare himself for the ministry.

Some few years afterward Dowie broke loose from the Congregational Church, declaring his intention to make his appeal to the masses at large through evangelism. Already he had a reputation, and his bizarre eloquence, his rough-and-ready logic, his strong personality, won him an immediate victory in the field of his choice. His impatience of fettering authority accounts for the change, and he seems only to have been acting in accordance with the dictates of his nature.

One night in Melbourne there swept over his consciousness like an inspiration the full force of the sixteenth chapter of St. Mark—"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. . . . In my name shall they cast out devils. . . . They shall recover." His imagination was fired with the idea that he was the prophet foretold by Malachi, and on this inspiration he founded what is supposititiously new in his creed and built the foundation of his really immense fortune. No lay hands on the savior's head, prayed and cured him of headache, and then, as a wit will have it, he proceeded to lay hands on everybody and everything else. Those who know Dowie say that from early life he "had visions" and that he manifested all those symptoms which the alienist would put under the general head of "religious hysteria." If this be so, it would offer a plea for his sincerity, and whether it be so or not, it is known that certain deformities and diseases due to brain lesions have been cured by a temporary relief by sudden nervous excitation, such as might come from prayer; but on this aspect of the case, the limits of this article will not let me dwell.

His wife and others cured, and the legions of the faithful increasing by virtue of these proofs of miraculous power, Dowie at once started to form the Divine Healing Association, which developed later on into the larger organization of the International Divine Healing Association, with John Alexander Dowie, quite as a matter of course, for its president.

Great Healing Centre.

The next step in the career of the prophet was his project to found a great healing centre in London, and to spread the faith from there around the world. He traveled on to San Francisco, preaching everywhere along the coast, and reached Chicago by easy stages. It was the year of the World's Fair, which brought its swarms of heterogeneous visitors to the city. It seemed as though the mountains had come to Mohammed, and his many Scotchman was far from letting the golden opportunity slip. The White City did no more for the fortunes of any man than for John Alexander Dowie's. And while the "Doctor," whose energies ran for up in the horse-powers, worked, preached, and cured eighteen hours of the twenty-four, his corps of well-trained missionaries, his deacons and his disciples were forced to follow at the pace their master set. The printing press worked overtime to turn out the divine "Leaves of Healing," which is Elijah's official organ, devoted to the prophet's dogmas and his savings accounts of his miraculous cures, with the photographs and the testimonials of those who had been cured. It has been better advertised, to quote the

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